

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2007
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chris Fields, Darrin McGowan, Brian Sheehan and Mike Pavey answered roll call. Councilmen Byrne entered the meeting after the roll was called. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, Mike Selke, WIFE Radio, and Elizabeth Gist, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES * * * *

Minutes of the October 2, 2007 meeting were presented for approval. Pavey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- ✓ Was asked to invite everyone to a CD release celebration for JOSHUA, which is one of the groups that performed at the amphitheater. The celebration will be November 16 at 7:00 p.m., at the Calvary Temple in Indianapolis, located at 2901 N Post Road.
- ✓ NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet is October 20th at 6:30 at the Elks.
- ✓ Reminder of the table-top exercise tonight at 7:00 p.m. at the assembly room in the Courthouse.
- ✓ Received word yesterday that IDEM has issued the air permit for the Ethanol Plant.

John Byrne arrived.

- ✓ Mayor Bridges presented Alex Conklin with a "Friend of the Park" plaque. Conklin did a beautiful landscaping project at the amphitheater in order to obtain his Eagle Scout certification.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * * *

None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT * * * *

None.
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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * * *

Police – Fudge said there will be an open house at the Police Department on October 26 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Animal Control – Glandon reported that there will be pet pictures in the park on October 20. There have been over 48,000 hits on the pet finder web site. A washer and dryer were donated to the shelter.

Park – The Halloween parade will be October 31 with line up at 5:30 and parade and judging to begin at 6:00 p.m.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * * *

Downtown Parking – Elizabeth Innis has been discussing the downtown parking with Tony Fudge. Fudge said he had done a survey with the downtown merchants and there were about 15 out of 20 that were in favor of 2 hour parking from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. This would be Main Street only from 1st Street to 4th Street. Bennett said the State would have to authorize the placement of signs. Innis suggested implementing a volunteer senior patrol to help enforce the parking.

Pavey asked if there had been any input from the Chamber. Fudge said they filled out a survey and were in favor of the 2 hour parking.

Byrne said maybe some other Cities could be contacted to see if they have had to deal with the same problem and how they handled it. Byrne also suggested the possibility of customer parking only. Fudge said then you run into the problem of who is actually a customer.

Fudge said some Cities are going back to the parking meter method. Fudge and Bennett will investigate the signage issue with the State.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * * *

None.

NEW BUSINESS * * * *

Elected Officials Salary Ordinance – Pavey made a motion to table the salary ordinance until the next meeting and take that time to plug the numbers from the Clerk-Treasurer into the spreadsheet with the wage study and see how they work out. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

November Meeting Dates – With the City election being the 1st Tuesday of the month, it was decided to just meet the 3rd Tuesday of November.

Claims – Byrne made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council, Byrne made a motion to adjourn. McGowan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER